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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: OBASANJO LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER ON MIDDLE EAST

REF: STATE 205975

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED FOLLOWING COPY OF A LETTER FROM LT.
GENERAL OBASANJO TO PRESIDENT CARTER TODAY (SEPT. 7).

2. BEGIN TEXT:

28 AUGUST, 1978

MY DEAR PRESIDENT CARTER,

I ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS, RECEIPT OF YOUR RECENT MESSAGE
REGARDING YOUR PROPOSALS FOR A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AND
PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AT CAMP DAVID SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 6,
1978. I AM INDEED GRATEFUL THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO KEEP ME INFORMED
OF THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS, AND YOUR CONTINUOUS EFFORTS TO FIND
A LASTING SOLUTION TO THIS THORNY PROBLEM. IT IS OUR SINCERE
WISH THAT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FORTHCOMING MEETING WILL BE ACHIEVED.

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AS YOU VERY WELL KNOW, OUR POSITION ON THIS MATTER REMAINS UNCHANGED.
OUR CONSISTENT STAND ON THE WHOLE MIDDLE EAST QUESTION HAS BEEN,
AND IS, THAT ANY LASTING SOLUTION MUST BE WITHIN THE GENERAL
FRAMEWORK OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242. TO THIS END,
ISRAEL MUST IN EFFECT BE PERSUADED TO AGREE TO GIVE BACK ARAB
TERRITORIES OCCUPIED SINCE THE 1967 WAR. AT THE SAME TIME,
ISRAEL SHOULD BE PERSUADED TO RECOGNISE THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF

THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION. LASTING PEACE
BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT, UNDERSTANDING AND ACCOMMODATION CANNOT
BUT BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF ISRAEL AND THE ARABS AND INDEED
THE WHOLE WORLD.

I AM HAPPY TO NOTE YOUR UNTIRING EFFORTS TO MAKE PEACE IN THIS
AREA POSSIBLE, AND I HOPE THAT THE MEETING AT CAMP DAVID WILL
PROVIDE A SOLID CORNERSTONE FOR PERMANENT PEACE.

WITH MY BEST WISHES.

YOURS MOST SINCERELY,
LT-GENERAL OLUSEGUN OBASANJO
HEAD OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY
GOVERNMENT

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF NIGERIA.

END TEXT.
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